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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 960
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A RESOLUTION to offer support for the Nation of Israel.

WHEREAS, there have been established and recognized Jewish communities throughout the State of Tennessee since before the 1850s, and those communities and their citizens have been an integral part of the development of every aspect of this State; and

WHEREAS, prior to and during World War II, citizens of the State of Tennessee traveled to Europe and rescued many Jewish families and individuals from the terror and tyranny of the Holocaust and resettled those individuals and families in the State of Tennessee, where they and their descendants remain valued citizens today; and

WHEREAS, in 1996, Governor Don Sundquist signed the Tennessee-Israel Cooperation Agreement with the State of Israel, resulting in business, governmental, art, cultural, educational, and university activities between the State of Tennessee and the Nation of Israel, and further strengthening the historic ties between our State and that country; and

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WHEREAS, in the wake of September 11, 2001, the United States and the State of Tennessee, like the State of Israel, have now experienced terrorist attacks on our innocent civilians as a result of suicide missions and other forms of terrorism; and

WHEREAS, Tennesseans, along with all Americans, grieve the senseless loss of innocent lives due to such reckless acts of terror and evil throughout our world; and

WHEREAS, Tennessee again desires to re-affirm its support for the Nation of Israel by expressing its unequivocal support for the State of Israel at this time; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That we hereby offer Tennessee's support and compassion for all people suffering at the hands of terrorism, and urge President Bush and the Governors of all of the United States of America to remain steadfast in support of the State of Israel and all who battle senseless acts of evil and all forms of terrorism at this critical time, not only as a continuing act of justice, but as a continuing and integral statement of the principles for which we, as Americans and as Tennesseans, are now actively waging war.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an enrolled copy of this resolution be forwarded to the President of the United States, the United States Congress, and the Israeli Embassy in Washington, D.C. for transmission to all the proper authorities in the State of Israel.